



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

RARE COINS AND ANTIQUES



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March 12, 1986

Eric P. Newman  
P.O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, MO 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your response to my packet of information.  
I enjoy gathering bits of information to put a story together.

Enclosed please find my detector with the Beazell plate  
for your examination. Your proposed trade for a late pocket  
edition sound fine, if you can use this one. Let me know  
what you think.

I do subscribe to the Essay Proof Journal which you  
mention as a possible source of information about George W.  
Casilear and have checked that but found very little.

Since Patents are one of my favorite specialties, could  
you tell me the patent number, or whatever identification there  
is, of the tin box which you own? I have acquired virtually all  
of the numismatically related patent models which have been  
uncovered in the last thirteen years. There were three that I  
know of which escaped to higher bidders, and perhaps, one of  
them made its way to you. Or perhaps you have one which I do  
not know about.

The current owner of the patent model accumulation is  
seeking to sell them back to the Smithsonian now that the  
models have been searched through once. That is probably the  
best, if the tax angles can be worked out, since most of the  
remaining models are damaged. I have seen the accumulation,  
and what was done to the models by thoughtless government  
workers and bureaucratic neglect is truly a crime. But it is  
too late now, the damage was done 70 years ago. Now all we  
can do is research the remnants.

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
March 12, 1986  
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The application files are sometimes interesting reading if there was correspondence between the inventor and the usually skeptical examiners. If you need any application files for patents, do you know the address? They charge, I think it is now 35¢ perpage, with a \$5.00 minimum per file.

I'll keep an eye out for any additional Heath information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erwin E. Brauer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erwin" being more prominent.

Erwin E. Brauer

## ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

3/25/86

Dear Mr. Brauer

I was unfortunately disappointed when I looked at your Beazell plate in the Heath. It was cut down so as to eliminate <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>erupted</sup> border and thus reduced its size over an inch at top and bottom and almost that much of each side.

I have almost concluded not to accept a defective plate, but I didn't want to disappoint you concerning the later Heath which you want. Maybe you have something else which we might trade. Do you have Illinois bank notes or Missouri bank notes or anything out of the ordinary run of U.S. standard pieces.

The info on the patent model is enclosed. This is an exhibit in our museum.

I am so glad that you are following the path of the patents. That is an exciting experience.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Patent # 39154

L.H. Tower  
Currency & Stamp Box

July 7, 1983



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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452-1047

April 7, 1986

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Sorry to hear that the Beazell plate has been cut down. That is the only one that I have seen. I did not know that it once had a border. Too bad that Mr. Heath chopped it up.

Don't worry about my finding a later pocket Heath. They are around but I am waiting for a nice one. Just recently I was offered one but it had extensive foxing on the plates so I'll wait for a better one.

In the trade department, I do not actively collect any Illinois or Missouri banknotes. The only piece that I have is a \$10, dated 1856, The Lafayette Bank of Bloomington, Illinois. As I recall, the city directory only lists the bank for about two years. The note is in poor condition. I do not remember if I have mentioned it previously

Your patent model by Tower is indeed one of those that I was outbid on, so I do know about that one.

That's about it for now. You can return the Heath book if you wish. I'll write if I hear anything new.

Sincerely,

Erwin E. Brauer

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

5/1/86

Erwin E. Brauer  
712 Kingsley St  
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Mr Brauer:

I appreciate your understanding of my problem but I want you to be happy and I am sending you an 1878 (copy 1877) small Heath for your collection.

I will just have to wait until I get a better example of the Beszall plate and make yours do for the present. If you find something I need you can send it to balance values, but if that doesn't happen the world won't come to an end\*. I may suggest a minor item sometime.

Mr Heath didn't chop up the Beszall plate. Some else must have done that.

I have found a gold mine of information about Heath. He really had a best seller on his hands.

Please come to see my museum anytime you are in St Louis and please submit to me for purchase anything you have for sale which is truly unusual.

Sincerely,

Eric Newman

\* The above expression should not be used in humor after the Keen accident and so I cancel it.



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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5/14/86

ERIC P. NEWMAN  
6450 CECIL AVENUE  
ST. LOUIS, 1710 63105

Dear Mr. Newman

Many thanks for sending the small  
Hutch. I'll keep a look-out for a full  
Beazell or things of interest to you

I do not know what is available in  
St. Louis in the way of U.S. Patent Office records.  
I'll be going to the Chicago Library the first  
week of July to do more research, so if you  
have any patent questions, let me know. Since  
they want \$1.50 now for a patent copy out of  
Washington, it is too expensive to send for  
copies of possible interest. Checking records  
in person is much more productive, and cheap.

The enclosed copies are from a very interesting  
100 page book I picked up. Are you familiar with  
Passchott? He appears to have issued a series, but  
this is the first I've seen. Have you seen his "Bank  
Mirror" or "Coin Book" that were issued at the  
same time?

There are drawings and plates throughout - much  
more interesting than say Wynne + Day or Hodges.  
A few pages are enclosed in case you haven't seen  
this one.

Sincerely,  
Erwin E. Brauer

## ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Brown

When I recently was in Washington DC at a antique scale collectors' society meeting I met some people from Normal, IL. They didn't know you. It must be a big community.

Thanks so much for the photocopy of the pages of "Articles" which you sent. I saw how my gold & silver coin chart publication (photocopy) which I published also published. Are you willing to sell me more "books / plates for 1.50"? It would be a very nice addition to my collection. I have seen other "books" and I believe the "New" book is really has some. Hope to see the publication on Banknote reports, if you have it.

I am back on your Chicago trip. I am not at home many days, but I am on the meantime I'll try to see if I have any potential questions other than.

"How could I have put dated July 14, 1867 on cover and text for years when the patent date was actually July 2, 1867. Am I wrong?"

#66337

Sincerely,

Eric Newman  
St. Louis, IL 63105



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

RARE COINS AND ANTIQUES



712 Kingsley Street  
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June 2, 1986

Dear Mr. Newman

Thanks you for the reply to my letter.  
Normal is only 38,000 people but I have no idea  
who the scale collector was whom you met, or  
was it just a fellow traveler?

About the Paddock books, I find no  
mention of the man in Dillistin. That would  
seem to make it a rather scarce publication.  
As to the "book of plates" which I have,  
unfortunately it fits in with the research  
and displays that I am working on so far  
now, I must hang on to it. If there  
copies of any or all of it would be of use to you,  
that could be arranged.

It is the only Paddock that I have  
ever seen so I paid quite a bit to obtain  
it. My source had also never seen this  
name before.

As to your other interesting question,  
why did Heath's Books have Plate 12, 1867  
printed in them? I double checked the



Eric Thompson  
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patent and patent application information which I have and can find no other date mentioned than the patent date of July 2.

My best guess would be that since Heath was a "promoter" type, he was not always so concerned with minor details. Since everything was handwritten, someone must have reread the information given to the printer. Once the dies were prepared for embossing, it was not thought economical to re-do them and they just let it go.

Perhaps they were rushing to beat a competitor and hastily prepared instructions were not checked. I believe it to be an error rather than an intended change. To change it on future editions would make it seem like Heath did not know what he was doing with the first editions.

In those days, inventors were real funny about getting patents dated as early as possible so moving the date back does not seem logical. Without any other clues, my guess is just an error. If any additional clues turn up you'll be the first to know.

Sincerely  
Eric C. Bauer

# BOWERS AND MERENA GALLERIES, INC.



Box 1224

WOLFEBORO, NH 03894

(603) 569-5095

June 2, 1986

Ms. Susan K. Elliott  
Box 1729  
San Marcos, Texas 78667

Dear Susan,

A friend of mine, Eric P. Newman (whose address is 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105) might be interested in the purchase of the Patent Gazettes. If you could send him a listing of what you have, you might be able to effect a transaction. I mentioned that you might sell them for \$1,000 or so, plus shipping - but I did not know what the current status of the situation was. In any event, you now have the information.

I hope all is well with you and your transition.

Best wishes,

Q. David Bowers

QDB/mkv

Copy to:  
Eric P. Newman

6/5/86

Erwin E Bower  
712 Kingsley St  
Normal I  
61761

Dear Mr B. —

I visited Dave Bower recently and he told me about the set of ~~patent~~ gazettes available.

He indicated the ran from the 1860's thru 1920's.

I will call you when I get an answer. Think about it in the meanwhile.

Photocopy of letter enclosed.

Eric Newman



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

RARE COINS AND ANTIQUES



712 Kingsley Street  
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June 10, 1986

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for the note about the set of Patent Gazettes which is available. I remember Mr. Bowers mentioned this set some time ago in one of his Rare Coin Review issues. It did not occur to me that you might be interested. Due to the size of a collection like that, it would be too bulky and not of enough use to me. However, something like that definitely belongs in a museum or library.

The Gazette itself was started in 1872 as a weekly soft cover publication to keep Patent Office information more current than the previous annual publication. In the early 1840's the Patent Office started to issue an annual volume concerning all of the patent information for the year. After 1850, they went to two volumes, then eventually four volumes through 1871. After the Gazette started, the physical volume of books greatly increased. There was much more information too, about every facet of business connected with the Patent

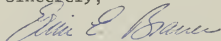
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Eric P. Newman  
June 10, 1986

Office. For instance, a number of patents granted to inventors here in my area were of dubious worth in the market place. That was also true of a lot of patents, however, in one of the Gazettes, I discovered that the lawyer representing several of our local hopeful inventors was among several scoundrels who were disbarred from doing business with the Patent Office.

There is a set of Gazettes in the Chicago Public Library and the earlier volumes are on microfilm so that has served my purposes very well. The Gazettes just give the basic, brief information about each patent along with a small drawing. Then you look up the patent by number on microfilm. Find out if patent indexes are included. I think that they were issued separately so if you do not have the indexes, finding anything is slow work.

If you have any other questions, feel free to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erwin E. Brauer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erwin" being more prominent.

Erwin E. Brauer

Erwin Braun

7/3/86.

Enclosed is copy of  
list of gazettes etc. I  
wrote them we were not  
interested.

As to the book of plates  
you want to hang on to  
how about a photocopy  
for me as you suggested.  
Anytime you will sell it  
I am interested



FROM THE DESK OF ERIC P. NEWMAN



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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712 Kingsley Street  
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July 25, 1986

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Sorry for the bulk, but this was the easiest way to get a copy for you of my Paddock booklet. I hope you find it as interesting as I did.

Also enclosed is a clipping from the Memphis NASCA auction catalog, lot 2799. It says on the notes "Patented 6-2-1857" which is the date for a patent by Seropyan for an idea to overprint notes with a layer of colored ink, leaving spaces in the shape of the denomination. These proofs do not look like they have anything like this on them, and there are no other bank note patents with the same date.

My next question is, do you have any issued notes that mention that patent date? If so could you send a copy? I have not found any regular issue notes with his patent applied since bankers at the time did not like his idea very much. All that I have is a salesman's sample note. Let me know if you have any ideas. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erwin E. Brauer

Mr. Erwin Brauer  
712 Kingsley St  
Normal, Illinois 61761

July 29, 1986  
6450 Cecil Ave  
St Louis, Mo  
63105

Dear Erwin:

I am delighted with the photocopy of Paddock (not as delighted as I would be with the purchase of the original) and thank you very much for sending it. I have read it with great interest and compared it to other detectors of the period. It specializes in the spurious (not copies of genuine bills) counterfeiters and that is of importance. The advertising is particularly interesting.

You gave me a task which I began, but I'll do more if needed. I found a few red or brown overprinted notes with the denomination as the design. I only looked in Missouri, Wisconsin and Minnesota because I knew some were there. I found issued notes bearing the overprint, patented though they may be.

I call your attention to some proofs enclosed — some with the patent date mentioned, some without, some with the overprint in both geometrical design and denominational design, and some with each separately. How extensive the use was I do not know, but each overprint cost time and money after the base note was prepared — thus not popular. Ormsby work was not popular because of its expense. I will look in other states for issued bills if necessary, but two color jobs were not customary. The patent is a definite counterfeit deterrent as well as an alteration deterrent.

This will give you a chance to look over the enclosed photocopies and draw new conclusions. I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely  
Erwin



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only geometric overprint

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patent data

Issued



denominational overprint

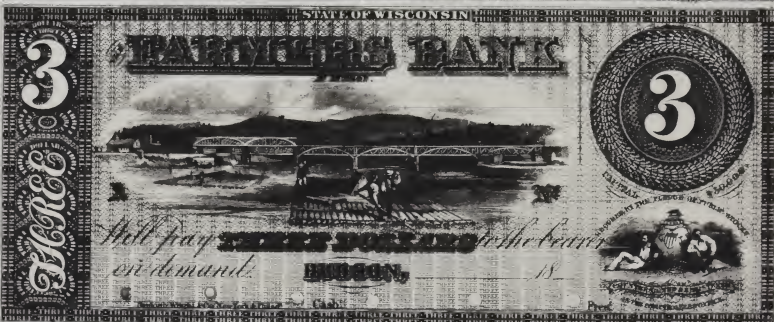
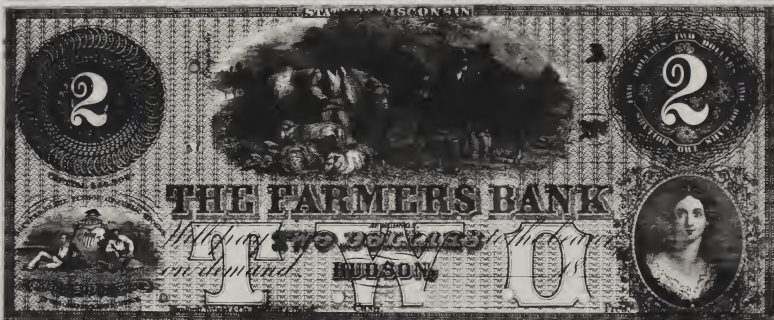
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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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St. Paul 18

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**TREASURER RAMSEY COUNTY**

THREE DOLLARS

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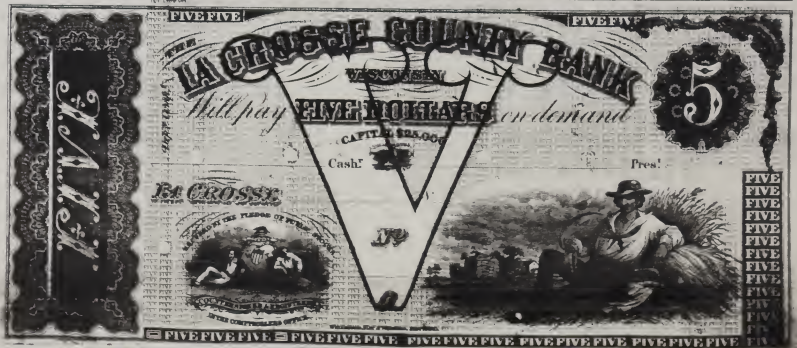
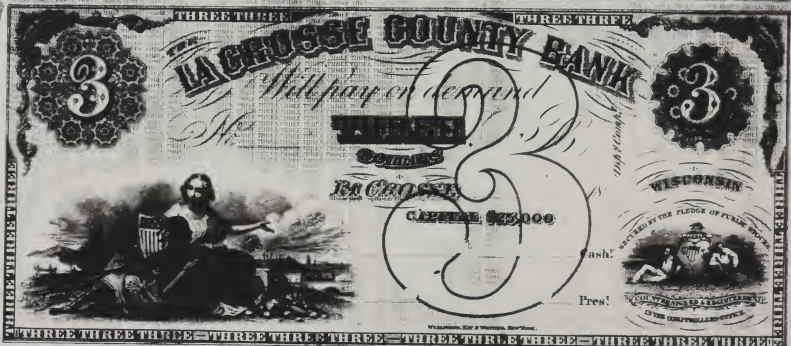
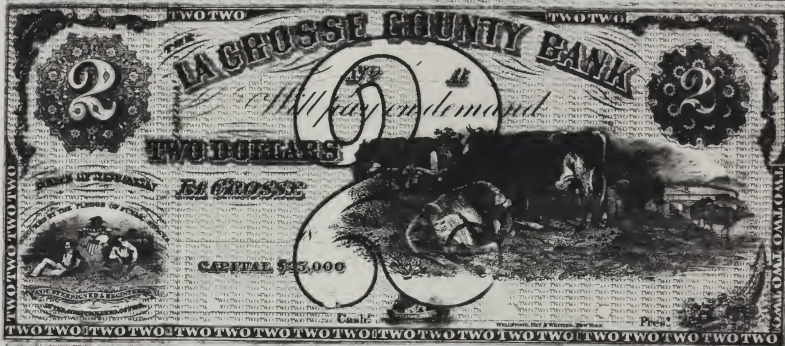
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# ERWIN E. BRAUER

RARE COINS AND ANTIQUES



712 Kingsley Street  
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November 25, 1986

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I just missed you in St Louis. Several people mentioned seeing you but I never did find you. Maybe next time.

Larry Marsh showed me the Parker Brothers play money set and said that he was going to show it to you, so I passed and sure enough, you now have it for the museum. That is a good place for it.

This weekend, I was in Chicago so I have enclosed two items for your information. The quality of the copies is poor. However, the maintenance of microfilm machines at the public library is non-existent and for some time now, there has been only one machine working.

The jumping toy, #188,461 was just an accidental find. Since it said St Louis, I am sending it for your information. I know nothing about it.

I do not know whether you have sent for information about the play money set, so I have enclosed a copy of the patent for it, #188,505. It seems strange that a patent would be granted with such broad claims, "coin formed of card-board and printed upon with ink". At this same time, I have patent application files showing as many as five rejections for very minor objections by examiners. They either had a friend at the Patent Office or nobody had bothered to spend the money to patent any simple toys like this. That's all for now.

Sincerely,

Erwin E. Brauer



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105*

December 22, 1986

Mr. Erwin E. Brauer  
712 Kingsley Street  
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Erwin:

In closing out the year, I wanted to thank you for your most recent letter and prior information. The play money sent covered by the patent was objected by the federal government and, therefore, changed to a design which had another appearance. Contact me with anything interesting which comes along.

A very happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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# ERWIN E. BRAUER

RARE COINS AND ANTIQUES

712 Kingsley Street  
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January 30, 1987

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecile Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

From your letter of December 22nd, it sounds like you already have information from the patent application file on the objections about the design of the play money set. It seems that 95% of the applications were objected to for some reason. I have some files with a half dozen rejections preceeding acceptance.

Enclosed is an interesting copy of a page from the Official Gazette which I found on my last trip to Chicago. A list of scoundrels who were disbarred from dealing with the Patent Office. Notice Mr. Edson, who is shown on the play money set patent.

As I stated in a previous letter, the idea was so simple that a design registration would have been sufficient. I think perhaps Mr. Edson advised clients to seek patents just so he could receive higher fees for patent work.

Charles Evans and C. L. Evert, also on the list appear on several patents which I have in my files, especially on inventions from this area, Bloomington-Normal. Several of those do not seem to be real great inventions, but again, I think the inventors were huckstered to generate fees.

That is the latest tidbit. I'll let you know when something turns up.

Sincerely,

Erwin E. Brauer



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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712 Kingsley Street  
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December 11, 1968

ERIC P. NEWMAN  
6450 CECIL AVE.  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

It has been some time since I wrote to you so let me say hello again and tell you what I know.

Since trading you the Heath detector with the Beazell plate posted in, I have been looking for additional Beazell material. However, Mr. Beazell seems to have been very secretive compared to Heath.

You may already be familiar with Beazell's system, but I am sending a copy of my recent acquisition, a four sided folded sheet on ivory colored paper. Why did he want to keep these simple instructions a secret when Heath's book was on the market and said basically the same thing? He probably hawked his system to merchants by emphasizing the secrecy angle. It is kind of disappointing that this is all you got for your money.

Hats all for now

Sincerely,

Erwin E. Brauer

file

Dec 16, 1988

Erwin E Brauer  
712 Kingsley St  
Normal IL 61761

Dear Erwin:

Thank you for the copy of the folded sheet of Beazell of the 187 - period.

In my opinion Beazell wasn't being secretive in his requirement on page 4.

He was just protecting the copying of the rules by one customer and distributed them to another customer gratis. In this way he would lose sales. Thus he tried to require a customer to keep these rules to himself, knowing there was nothing secret about it. I hope you agree.

If you find a second copy of the rules please keep me in mind.

Sincerely  
J



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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DEC 26, 1958

6450 West 10th  
St. Louis, Mo 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your reply to my recent letter about the Beazell system. There is no mention in my prior area of interest since as far as I know, the Beazell was not involved in any U.S. patents. Therefore, I would like to offer it to you for your collection.

The piece is on many color paper, about like the sheet on a little thicker. It has, however, suffered from some splitting. The inside fold between pages 2 and 3 is split about 1/3 of the way up from the bottom - not a major problem. The sheet they were folded in half top to bottom and those creases are actually split. As long as the sheet is laid flat it displays well. It just can no longer be handled very much. Your price is \$50. If interested, just let me know. Thanks.

Sincerely,  
Erwin E. Brauer

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105*

December 30, 1988

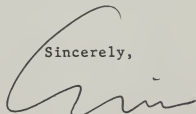
Mr. Erwin E. Brauer  
712 Kingsley Street  
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Mr. Brauer:

Send the Brazell item and we will buy it. Be sure it is well protected and sent flat.

Please offer anything unusual that comes along in numismatics. We collect everything in coins, paper money and related items.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric', with a large, sweeping flourish above it that extends to the left and then curves back down to the right.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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January 8, 1989

ERIC R. NEWMAN  
6450 CECIL AVE.  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed, please find the Seazell System  
flyer for which your check for \$50 has been  
received. Thank you, and I'll keep in  
touch.

Sincerely,

Erwin E. Brauer



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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January 7, 1992

Eric P. Newman  
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St. Louis, MO 63105

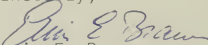
Dear Mr. Newman:

Hello again from Normal. We seem to get to St. Louis more often now for high school band trips than for numismatic events. My son is a senior and we are head of the band booster committee this year so my wife and I have been down there several times, but always on a weekend when your museum is closed.

Did you ever locate a full John F. Beazel counterfeit detector? I have available the 13 page booklet with the full, uncut plate. This one is ex Champa and is beautifully bound. The booklet was once folded, a minor point, the text is aged but adequate. The plate is of fine paper, not aged, folded and tipped in.

The 1867 booklet describes Beazel's system which is based on the fine detail of engraving from Asa Spencer's Geometric Lathe Machine. Beazel's scheme was to have a teacher explain the system. My guess would be that the system was based on the engraved plate details as mentioned in the text. This would produce a much larger profit than just selling a book, like Heath did. If interested, it is available for \$400. Would you like to look at it? Please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Erwin E. Brauer



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

copy

Erwin E. Brauer  
712 Kingsley St.  
Normal, IL 61761

January 16, 1992

Dear Erwin:

Our museum is now open every day 9 AM to 4 PM for viewing so come in even though no person will be there on a weekend unless you arrange with me in advance. If it takes a brass band to get you here that's great.

I have a Beazel with the plate separate. If yours is rebound it would not be an improvement for me. If not it probably would be. Thank you so much for thinking of me.

We must get together. You can now arrange it.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman



# ERWIN E. BRAUER

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712 Kingsley Street  
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July 10, 1992

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

We were once again in St. Louis for the VP Fair Parade last week, with our high school band. Your weather was very cooperative to only rain at night.

Since it was during the week, I was able to get around to see some of the places I had not been to yet, like the Merchantile Library. It is always interesting to look over your money museum and bring along some people who have never seen it.

The reason for my letter is to let you know about a couple of museum items needing attention. There are a couple of coin scales that have fallen to the bottom of their case because their small shelves have come off the backing board. Second, the cent elongating machine does not always shut off. It ran non-stop for at least 10 minutes once, and then would sometimes work and sometimes run several minutes. Sounds like a bad shut-off switch. Just thought that I would let you know. (Time for a new ribbon!)

Sincerely,

Erwin E. Brauer

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Erwin E. Brauer  
712 Kingsley St.  
Normal, IL 61761

July 14, 1992

Dear Erwin:

Thank you for bringing yourself and others to the museum.

As to your housekeeping suggestions the maker of the cent roller went out of business and the mechanical part whcih controls the electric circuit is tempermental. We have been struggling with this problem for some time and if you have any ideas please bring your brain, Swiss Army Knife and magnifier to help.

The Velcro cloth in vertical position which holds the shelves sags from tension after a period and sometimes destablizes the shelves attached to it. We also have vibration from trucks in the street. On a scale of 1 to 10 we had 3 scales tumble and hope to scale down the mishaps.

Thanks for coming to St. Louis with your band.

Cordially,



Eric P. Newman

Mr. Erwin E. Brauer  
[REDACTED]

December 1, 2000

Dear Erwin:

I recently learned that you acquired the Porter Counterfeit Detector of the Smythe Auction. I had instructions with it and I would like to ask you for a photocopy of the instructions at your convenience.

As to the scale and counterfeit coin detector book which George Mallis and I wrote together it would be most welcome if you made any suggestions for additions, improvements, etc. I rushed its completion because George was not well and I wanted him to enjoy its publication. As you know he died about 1 year after it came out, but it gave him much joy.

If you ever visit St. Louis as you once threatened he sure to let me know.

Thrive,

Eric P. Newman

Mr. Edwin Bruer  


December 11, 2000

Dear Erv :

Thank you for the Porter instructions. I thought what you bought would have original instructions as indicated in the catalog.

I look forward to your suggestions and information on the hook. I congratulate you on the patent models you have. I would like their pictures when convenient. Perhaps a photocopy of the disc would be clear.

As to the value of a Hoag page IV-4-13 etc. I would not be too influenced in some situations to an announced auction price because sometimes this is artificially created by the owner for a subsequent sale.

Being in the restaurant business is a 30 hour day so I realize your predicament. Perhaps your customers do not want you to retire.

I hope I hear from you sooner than the last gap.

Thrive,

Eric P. Newman

To: Erwin L. Brauer

From: Eric P. Newman

Date: August 8, 2001

Thanks so much for the information on your wonderful holdings of counterfeit coin detector patent models. I will certainly use it in any new edition of my book.

I have been steadily adding to my coin scale collection and enjoy the study of them very much. Are you getting any new ones?

My best to you.